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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Wed. 1st	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 1st	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 1st	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 1st	
	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 2 nd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 3 rd	Copy date for December issue of Yarnton Village News
Fri. 3 rd	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Mon. 6 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 6 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 6 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 6 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Tue. 7 th	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)
Wed. 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 9 th	Senior Club Village Hall, 2p.m.
Thur. 9 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 11 th	Fireworks Display, Littlemarsh Sports Field, 7 p.m.
Thur. 16 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 23 rd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 24 th	Yarnton Band Annual Concert, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Sat. 25 th	Yarnton Pre-School Christmas FunDay, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Sun. 26 th	Rev. Nathan Jarvis's last service, St. Bartholomew's, 6 p.m.
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Copy date for the January 2018 issue is Friday 1st December.



Yarnton Village Hall - reminder to all users

If you are the last to leave the Village Hall can you please ensure that all lights are turned off and also that the car park gate is closed. Many thanks, Lynne Newin, Village Hall Booking Clerk.

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Comment on back page article in October issue

We received the following email following last month's issue

'I would like to comment on the final article in October's village newsletter.

Although written with a light-hearted, and jovial perspective, I fear the article may have missed the mark on several points, and exposes a naive, and one-sided narrative. I don't believe this is helpful in a newsletter which should be accessible to all who live in the village. Although I'm sure totally unintentional, this article has subtexts which some may find offensive. As a hard working young mum, this one is most cutting: "Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet because we didn't need to keep up with the Jones's!" This naive comment shows a lack of understanding of why women go to work today. Far from "keeping up with the Jones's", I have the difficulty of choosing to put my child into childcare and make enough money to avoid falling

This is just one extract, but I find fault in many, I'm afraid. Sadly this article does not speak for all who live in the village, and I hope does not represent many of their views. Given the dramatic housing change that may be thrust upon us in coming years, I think articles focusing on collective identity, a unified voice, and embracing social changes, would be more constructive.'

Name and email address supplied

below the poverty line. Furthermore, I work because I want to give something back to society, and I enjoy the

empowerment of this.

From the editorial committee. The committee would like to say that they are sorry for any offence caused by the article, which was not intentional. As stated, the article was written in a light-hearted and jovial way, and 'congratulated' people for having survived their risky upbringing. With hindsight some parts of the article could have been omitted. On the positive side, a number of people have said how much they enjoyed the article.



Proposed Housing Development

Perhaps I'm wrong, but I thought that the purpose of a Parish Council was to serve the people of their community. I have just attended an extraordinary meeting of Yarnton Parish Council (28.09.17) where one of the items on the agenda was to discuss a donation of funds to the Begbroke and Yarnton Green Belt Campaign (BYG).

Richard Pye, a member of BYG spoke about the need to raise £9500 to employ the services of experts in various fields. E.g. traffic, flooding and planning, to help with the ongoing fight against the building of 2480 houses on our green belt, and he asked for £4800.

Begbroke Parish Council have already donated £1000, but it seemed that YPC was more interested in how much money the villagers had given privately and they only offered the paltry sum of £1500. This was met with jeers from the audience and was reluctantly raised to £2000. Some of the councillors proposed that the total sum of £4800 was given, but this was overruled.

I am fortunate that I can give a small donation privately, but there are many villagers who cannot. The Parish Council funds come from our Council Tax and should surely be used for the good of the community. Begbroke gave £1000 and as Yarnton is approximately three times the size of Begbroke, I would have thought that £3000 would have been a more appropriate sum. I am sure that everyone agrees that the development of the Green Belt would be disastrous for our villages. Once the Green Belt is lost, it is lost forever and we need to think of the effect it would have on our villages for both ourselves and for future generations.

However, it seems that BYG care more for our village than the Parish Council do, and I thought that their purpose was to serve the community.

Imelda Roberts

Parish Council response

On Friday 22^{nd} September 2017 an extraordinary meeting of Yarnton Parish Council (YPC) was advertised on the village website and notice boards. There were two agenda items to be discussed. No other items were received to be considered for discussion. In due course the meeting went ahead on Thursday 28^{th} September 2017. Members of the public were present. The meeting opened with an explanation of reason for an Extraordinary Meeting of YPC. There were two items related to the 'Cherwell Plan 2011-2031 Partial Review - Oxford's Unmet Housing Need' consultation that required decisions, as the date of the next Yarnton Parish Council meeting was after the deadline for consultation responses. The meeting was to be conducted under the normal protocol of YPC meetings.

Item 1. Yarnton Parish Council's submission to Cherwell District Council in response to the 'Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Oxford's Unmet Housing Need'. Councillor Michael Gibbard described a series of statements that formed YPC objections to Cherwell District Council's planning proposals consultation. The draft responses were unanimously agreed by Councillors present.

Item 2. Funding request from 'Begbroke & Yarnton Greenbelt Campaign'. The subject had been discussed at the previous meeting of Yarnton Parish Council, but necessary information to fulfil conditions to allow a grant to be made had not been made available. Belated correspondence from the Begbroke and Yarnton Green Belt Campaign (BYGC) had subsequently provided more detail and Richard Pye on behalf of BYGC outlined the campaign's position to date. Mr. Pye described the difficulties related to the identification of legal expertise that would not have conflicting interest. However, an appropriate firm had been identified and engaged in principle. The need for appropriate funding to support the campaign was now paramount, and in spite of a generous grant of £1,000 from Begbroke Parish Council and donations from the public there existed a shortfall of approximately £4,800. Yarnton Parish Councillors agreed that sufficient information was now available to provide a level of financial support to BYGC. A figure of £1,500 was proposed but was not supported. There were verbal interjections from members of the public, but these were not formally included. A second proposal to grant £2,000 was seconded and entered onto the meeting record, and a third proposal to grant £4,800 was duly seconded. Councillors voted on the two proposals. The second proposal was supported by three Councillors. The third proposal was supported by three Councillors. The Chairman's casting vote confirmed the decision to grant £2,000 to BYGC.

Having completed business, the meeting was closed. Some members of the public continued with critical comments in the belief that the decision was wrong and that YPC should have provided full funding of the BYGC financial shortfall. The hall was slow to clear with several conversations between members of the public and Councillors.

In response to the correspondence, it is true that the Parish Council serves the people of its community. YPC has no reason to defend its position regarding the stance or action it has taken during the Planning Consultation process. A good many residents in both Yarnton and Begbroke hold the same view as YPC and BYGC in opposing the CDC proposals. It is also probably true, although no organised group has emerged, that there are residents who support the proposals (possibly evidenced by destruction of, and graffiti on, neutrally worded signage paid for and erected by YPC). YPC has made clear its opposition to the proposals, but it also has a duty to respect those residents who support the plans. Alongside its verbal and written stance YPC has no obligation to grant financial support to any organisation, but on this occasion, given that Cherwell District Council has provided significant written and financial support in drawing up the documents of the proposal

consultation, some financial balance by way of grant from YPC was appropriate. Through appropriate democratic process a grant of £2,000 was agreed.

Not unusually the silent majority could hold the power to affect the outcome of such planning proposals, but by the time this correspondence is printed it will be too late to submit a response to the CDC consultation. However, the planning process will continue, and where there is opposition to the planning proposals support towards BYGC remains important. In fairness, where there is support in favour of the planning proposals there is opportunity to organise that sentiment into a voice. If the planning proposals are agreed by CDC, subsequent steps will include various representations to HM Government Planning Inspector. Everyone is encouraged to take sensible and appropriate steps to let their thoughts and feelings be known.

Housing

I'm sure most villagers are aware that the deadline for objecting to Oxford City's plans to build on the green belt land around Yarnton has now passed. I spent the best part of a day composing my letter and I couldn't have done it without all the help freely given by various groups and individuals. These people have spent countless hours sifting through reams of paperwork, putting it into layman's' terms so I can understand it enough to respond to CDC with my own personal concerns. A huge thank you to all concerned, including the Begbroke & Yarnton Greenbelt Campaign and Yarnton Parish Council, plus individuals who have spoken up so eloquently at meetings. If we are successful in stopping this threat to our village we will in large part owe it to you. *Frances Peck*

Oxford Harmonic Choir

The Choir will be performing J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Oxford Town Hall on Saturday 25^{th} November at 7.30 p.m. with Robert Secret conducting. Tickets priced from £7.50 to £18 are available on the door or from Oxford Playhouse, tel. 01865 305035, www.ticketsoxford.com.





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September Quiz - Answers

Here are the answers to the September Quiz

The link was: SHIPS

1. Missouri; 2. Sir Galahad; 3. Bounty; 4. A Potemkin Village; 5. Queen Elizabeth I; 6. Indianapolis;

7. The Mayflower Theatre; 8. Sheffield; 9. The Iron Duke; 10. Otto von Bismarck; 11. Manuel Belgrano; 12. Exeter

The winner was Jon Gardener who correctly guessed the link 'Ships'. He has won a bottle of Prosecco and a box of chocolates.

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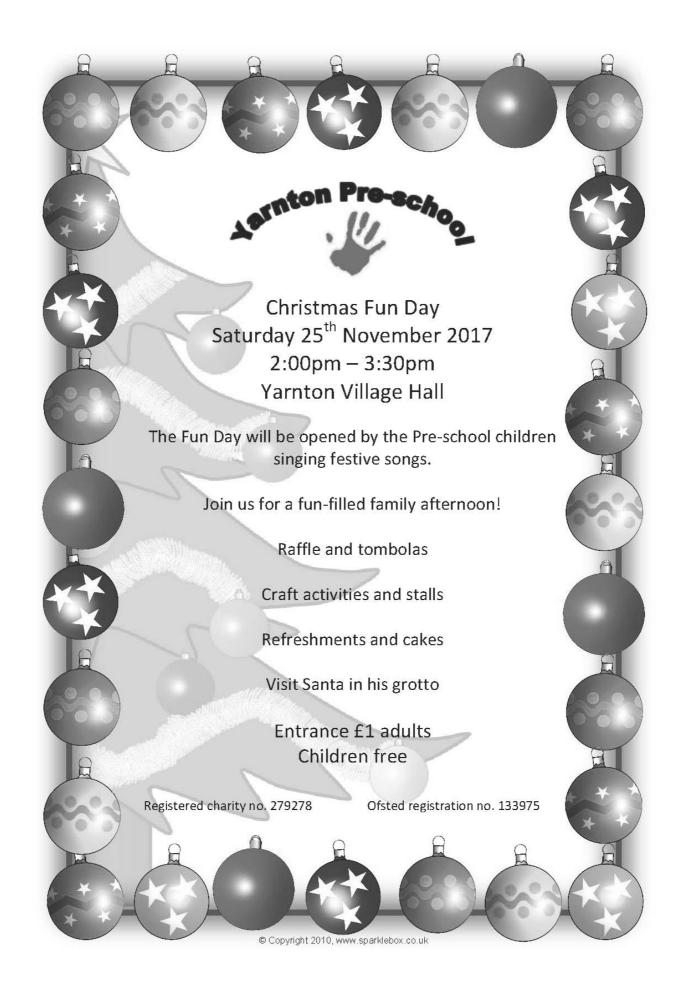
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Yarnton Manor gardens news

Yarnton villagers may know that the dead, dying and diseased trees have been cleared from the long avenue leading down to the railway line. The land has been cleaned during the past few months, including the removal of weeds, brambles and trees stumps as well as general litter. Planting of new trees is being carried out by a local contractor this autumn. The chosen trees are English oaks, which are in keeping with the surrounding landscape and with the history of the Manor itself. These will be much longer-lasting than the previously planted trees which were very short-lived, and in time will provide a glorious avenue of traditional English trees for future generations to enjoy. A hedge will also be planted along the boundary fence of the Manor grounds. We are also planning to start clearing the copse towards the end of the avenue, near the railway line, which is very overgrown but where some potentially fine trees were planted at some point which we will try to rescue.

Meanwhile, work is also progressing on improving the Manor gardens which have been rather neglected over the past years. We are very pleased to have an eminent garden designer and writer working with us on replanting the beds and borders, and with his help we hope to be able to create a beautiful garden that is worthy of the Manor's history and architecture. Immediate plans for this autumn and winter include dealing with an infestation of ground elder, and planting narcissi ready to welcome the Spring. We hope to be able to open the gardens from time to time so anyone interested will be able to inspect our progress. If you have any queries about the plans for the long avenue, or our scheme for the gardens in general, please contact Jane Humphreys at jane@oxford-royale.co.uk.



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Thank you

A huge thank you to everybody who supported our MacMillan Coffee morning on 29th September at the Village Hall. Special thanks go to:

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Barclays at Kidlington who sold cakes in the branch and are matching up to £1000 pound for pound.

The biggest thank you goes to everybody who came along and enjoyed coffee, tea and cake, or the soup and bread at lunchtime.

There was a lovely atmosphere all day, a real community feel to it all, and thanks to your amazing generosity a staggering £1500+ was raised, so MacMillan will receive over £2500 which will help so many others.

This day keeps getting better in Yarnton. We look forward to seeing you all again next September.

Ann Warne, Angela Beckley







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Kidlington & District Historical Society

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Book Reading Group

Have you thought about joining your local book group? The books chosen by the members are varied, and the discussion relaxed and informal. So, if you are interested, please phone us and perhaps consider coming for a 'taster' meeting. Contact Caroline or Jim Briden on 01865 372888.

Our next meeting is on Monday 6th November when we are discussing 'Winter in Madrid' by C. .J Sansom. For our December book we have chosen 'Moon Tiger' by Penelope Lively.

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The link information can be found from part of each answer, the whole answer, or a phonetic part of the answer (e.g. hare might mean hair, doe might mean dough).

This month the lucky winner will receive a bottle of Prosecco and a box of chocolates. In December, there will be a final quiz with its own link, then a chance to win a bumper prize if you can find the link between all the quizzes (more info on this in December!).

Please note that the closing date is 20th of each month, so please get your entries in promptly. Post your answers in the designated Yarnton Village News box located in Budgens by the bananas.

Good luck!!

The Merromber link is

NOVEMER QUIZ

- 1. What is the name of the 15th 'Mr. Men' book?
- 2. Who won the first Boat Race in 1829?
- 3. If you read the Chronicles of Narnia in story-sequence, what would the title of the third book be?
- 4. Who lived next door to Peter Parker?
- 5. What 'age' began in the 1920s and ended with the Great Depression?
- 6. Which Tudor palace was originally built for Cardinal Thomas Wolsey?
- 7. On sailing ships, what was the raised area behind the mast traditionally called?
- 8. Where do Harry Potter and friends board the Hogwarts' Express at the start of term?
- 9. What are you doing if you execute a tendu, a pas de deux and a grande jeté?
- 10. Western, Treeless and Australian Stock are all types of what?
- 11. Which annual race is held on the first Saturday of May in Louisville, U.S.A.?
- 12. What was the name of Carol King's second album? (In 2003, it was ranked number 36 on *Rolling Stone*'s list of the 500 greatest albums of all time)

Fill out and return this form to the designated Yarnton Village News box at Budgen's (by the bananas) by 20^{th} November. Remember to keep your answers safe in order to solve the December link!

The November link is					
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Services in November

Woodstock

*****	Woodstock			
5^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Helen Cameron		
		(Church Anniversary)		
12^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings		
19^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Jennifer Thompson		
26^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Mike Trinder		
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We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

Every Friday we meet at 10.00a.m. for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion.

All Welcome!

Kidlington

5 th	10 a.m.	Local Arrangement (Café Church)
12^{th}	10 a.m.	John Lenton
19^{th}	10 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith
26^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings
		(Holy Communion)

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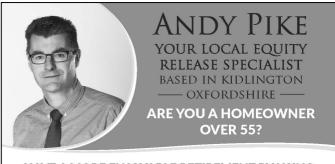


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Yarnton Gardening Club

Our speaker this month is Peter Richardson from Preston Bissett Nursery who will be telling us about 'What's Good Now', plants that good in the garden in November. He will bring plants from the nursery for sale, so remember to bring your purses and wallets. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th at 7.30 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors and potential new members. The trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in October was a great success and people found the atmosphere and concept of the place very inspiring. Many thanks to Ruby and David Haynes for organising the visit. Unfortunately they were unable to come on the trip as both were suffering from bad chesty colds, which was a great shame. Next month will be the Annual General Meeting and Christmas Social, which is for members only. Gill Rowbotham is taking names and offers of food, so please contact her on 377623 to let her know what you can bring. This is also the time when we elect the committee for the forthcoming year. All the existing members are happy to stay on for another year, but we would also be pleased to have some new faces and ideas, so do think if you could join us. Committee meetings are relaxed and enjoyable, and the work isn't onerous, so do consider it. Planning of next year's speakers and outings is well under way, and there will be details at the A.G.M. Ruth Astall

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As always, our Harvest Supper in October was a very enjoyable occasion. Members and friends enjoyed a meal of ham and quiches and salads plus delicious puddings, all provided by members. Members voted for the best table flower arrangement with pennies and the Grace Wright cup was awarded to Sylvia Davies.

The meeting this month is an Open Meeting, so please feel free to come along if you are interested. Our speaker is Duncan Brown who will be talking about the National Gallery. We meet on Thursday 9th November in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. We shall have our usual book stall, and coffee hostesses are Vanessa Fisher, Anne George and Ruby Haynes. We are always pleased to welcome visitors at our meetings.

The November coffee morning will be on Thursday 23rd at Boswells cafe in Oxford, from 10.30 a.m. All are welcome. Ruth Astall

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Kidlington St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Woodstock Parish Priest: Fr Prem Fernando

Times of Mass St. Thomas More

Saturday Vigil	6 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m.

Weekdays

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St. Hugh of Lincoln

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Wednesday 12 noon

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Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 8th November and 13th December in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, www.yarnton-village.org.uk

Parish Council - contact numbers

Parish Council Chairman: Fred Jones. Tel: 373871 Parish Council Vice-Chairman:

Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479 **Parish Council Members:** John Burford. Tel: 849750 Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Robin Hearn. Tel: 374613

Anna Isles. Tel: 372895 Keith Johnston. Tel: 372266

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from May 2015 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillors: 8th July 2015:

Fiona Mawson. Tel: 847949,

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

Lynne Whitley. Tel: 378476 **District Councillors:**

Alan Mackenzie-Wintle, Tel: 376614

Sandra Rhodes, Tel: 848861 Nigel Simpson, Tel: 372951

County Councillor:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

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Grants: Applications from village organisations for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31st December 2017, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts including information on fundraising by themselves during this year, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2018.

Sewers: Yarnton residents, particularly in the Cassington Road area have been suffering with problems with their sewer for weeks now. Please don't flush things like baby wipes, face wipes and other inappropriate items down the toilet as they don't flush away, they just gather in the sewer in Cassington Road. One resident told the Parish Council 'We are on a daily "lift and look" as our downstairs shower now does not drain and we can't flush the loo without it backing up!!'

Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards: The Parish Council notice boards and village website www.yarnton-village.org.uk are where the Parish Council gives up-to-date information on things which are notified at short notices as well as publicising items of importance, so we would actively encourage you to regularly check the notice boards and the website. When possible items of importance will also be posted on Spotted Kidlington/Yarnton and Yarnton Community pages of Facebook. Yarnton Community page has been set up on Facebook to publicise local news and let village organisations publicise events and news.

Yarnton Care Committee: The Care Committee was set up in 1974 to give help where needed to residents of Yarnton. Services provided focus predominantly on older residents and/or those less mobile.

Chairman: Fred Jones, tel. 373871; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: Ann Warne.

Services available:

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I guess many of you will have either read the book, or seen the film. 'Chocolat' is one of my all time favourites. It is all about a single mother who arrives in a small rural village in France during Lent. She rents a rather run down shop, and starts preparing for the opening day. Nobody knows what the shop will be - it was an old bakery - and curiously nobody seems to ask. The day of the 'big reveal' arrives, and she opens her door. She is a chocolatier. She is opening a chocolate shop, in the middle of Lent! The town is in uproar, the mayor is furious, and yet one by one, she welcomes them in and befriends them all. If you don't know the story, then read or watch it. You'll love it.

There comes a point in the story when she thinks she is meant to move on. The north wind blows, and the window slams open. She packs her bags and prepares for something new. A new beginning perhaps, a new town, a new shop?

The north wind has blown, or rather the Holy Spirit has blown in our lives, and we are answering the call. We are leaving Yarnton. We have had the most amazing five years with you all and have really enjoyed getting to know you. We have also made friendships that will last a lifetime, and know that we will see many of you again. I have shared the most wonderful experiences with many of you, sad ones and happy. I think back to all those I have married, and also those I have said goodbye to at funerals and memorial services. I think back to celebrations and parties and give thanks for it all.

Many have said 'why do you want to move'? It's a strange one to answer because in many ways, we don't want to. When you decide to be made a priest, you end up going to places you would never have thought of, even places you've never heard of. It is a 'God thing', so I can't really answer that question. All I know is that God has called us to minister in North Wales. This is a move which fills me with excitement, joy and also quite a few nerves and doubts. This is really how it should be, I think. Yarnton is a very special place. When I arrived, I came as one person and a dog. I leave with a partner, two children and three dogs. How life changes! I could not have done this without your support and love. I pray that the church here will continue to grow and flourish, that it will serve the whole village and be a source of hope and comfort for all.

My last service will be on Sunday 26th November at 6 p.m. followed by the usual knees-up. You are all very warmly invited to come, whether you are a church-goer or not. May God bless us all as we journey onwards. *Fr. Nathan*

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In Yarnton Band we know that our young euphonium player Charlotte Wilkes is hot stuff and at a concert in Witney Methodist Church, in the middle of her solo 'Grandfather's Clock', she proved it when the fire alarms went off and could not be stopped. The concert had to be abandoned and rescheduled for a later date. In fact it was not Charlotte's high notes that started the alarms, it was a tenant in the church flat who had burnt some food!

Recent engagements have been at Heathfield House in Bletchingdon and at the Woodstock entertainment contest, where our programme began with part of Malcolm Arnold's *Little Suite for Brass* and ended with *Hawaii 5-O*. Unfortunately the conductor could not persuade female members of the band to wear grass skirts, but the band did wear colourful neck garlands. If you want to support our young musicians (and our older ones!) then please come along to **our annual concert in Yarnton Village Hall on Friday 24th November at 7pm; admission is £6 for adults, £2 for children.** At the concert we will celebrate Guy James's 20 years as our conductor and will be making a presentation to him. Donations are welcome towards a gift and can be sent to 1 Little Blenheim, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX5 1LX. Cheques should be made payable to Yarnton Band but marked on the reverse 'for Guy James'. Our guest for the evening will be Ken Membury, President of the Oxfordshire & District Brass Band Association. *Peter Hewis*









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